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## THE MOUNTAIN AWAKES

by Ed Jacinto (# 168)

Lahar, ashfall, magma, lava, mudflow, Alert Level 5, pyroclastic materials — the Filipino has acquired a new set of vocabulary as a result of the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo.

Name it, we've had it. All manner of calamities have visited the Philippines in the past few years: the strongest typhoons in years (and they're getting more "super"); the mightiest earthquake in (a hundred?) years; the Gulf War, with the consequent doubling of the prices of petroleum products (and naturally other commodities and services dependent upon them); the series of coup attempts that have discouraged foreign investors and tourists; the perception of graft and corruption that could rival (we don't really know) the experience of the Marcosera, etc., etc., etc. — and now, the wrath of a volcano that has slumbered for 600 years! Some quarters have raised the cry for our president to resign, for the superstitious believe she has brought all of this "bad luck" upon our nation. (It seems not one corner of the country has been spared from trouble.) Cory indirectly acknowledged this dig — and stated that we are just being "tested by God."

So far, more than 300 persons have perished as a result of the volcano's activities. Some have been buried under collapsed buildings, some have been trapped by mudflows, others have died of disease. There are many evacuees (refugees?) now housed in public buildings in Metro-Manila and other places. Buildings, bridges and other structures have crumpled under the weight of sand, ashes, and boulders spewed by the volcano. Entire villages have been buried. So many hectares of

agricultural land may no longer be cultivated for (some say hundreds) of years. One estimate has it that the volcano has disgorged materials equal to its own volume.

A local daily newspaper described the volcanic eruption thus: "Volcanic mudflow is something that has to be seen in order to be believed. It is nature gone amok. Hell let loose. The popular concept of a volcano is that the great damage is done during the eruption. This is not necessarily true. In the case of Pinatubo, the damage was done during and after the eruption. During the eruption, many areas, including Clark Field and Olongapo, were covered with ash. After the eruption, it was the mudflow that is actually a devastation caused by a heavy concentration of lahar plus the rains. The mudflow has already reached as far as Nueva Ecija. Definitely, it will change the topography of the central plain of Luzon."

And the worst may not be over yet. Lahar and mudflows are expected with the coming of rains. The volcano continues to rumble and spew ashes and other materials now and then. Volcanologists have stated that the volcano would quiet down in 3-5 years. By the way, several of the more than twenty "active" volcanoes in other parts of the country are showing signs of "waking up."

Here in Cabanatuan, the leaves of trees and plants, including blades of grass are verdant once again. The colors of painted roofs are recognizable once more. Not so long ago (just a week or two), there was a patina of white over everything, brought about by the ashes

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## The Best In Philatelic Bulletins

by Tom Fortunato (# 379)

Various countries around the world issue pamphlets to inform collectors and the press of upcoming new stamps. These range from one page statements to elaborate multi-color booklets. Postal administrations listed below are happy to add interested collectors' names to their mailing rosters free of charge. Where applicable (\*) ask for the English version.

My top pick in slick publications is the "Australian Stamp Bulletin." Issued four times a year, this booklet comes in full color with fine articles on new stamps and postal stationary. Detailed specialist information on pictorial postmarks, frames, booklets, and stamp reprints is included along with a current order form. Sata on issues from Christmas Island, Cocos Island, Fiji, Nauru, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, and Western Samoa is included. Although these can only be purchased by native Australians through Australia Post, which acts as a sales agent, collectors can choose to write to the individual countries by using the addresses provided. Australia's bulletin may have one of the world's largest distributions with a mailing list claimed to be over 200,000. Write to: Australian Stamp Bulletin, Locked Box 8, South Melbourne, VIC 3205, Australia.

About every two months, Denmark publishes their "PFC - Journalen." (\*) This 12-15 page journal has in-depth articles relating to their new issues. A conservative stamp issuing policy and well designed stamps are hallmarks of the Danish Philatelic Bureau. About 146,000 issues of each

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## Volcano (Continued)

from Mt. Pinatubo which were carried by the winds to our place. The layer of volcanic debris was thin here, unlike in areas where buildings collapsed under the sheer weight of volcanic fall-out. For a few days, there was little mail as the Ninoy Aquino International Airport was forced to shut down. Things are back to normal now --- well . . . almost.

I felt a certain sadness as the maid went in to clean the room. She was, unknown to her poor little self, sweeping history into the dustbin.

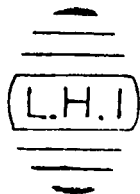
And to end on this note of hope: All along MacArthur highway from San Fernando to Angeles City, one encounters rows and rows of coconut trees, their fronds bent and wilted, weighted down by Mt. Pinatubo's ashfall. But on closer inspection, one spies new leaf growths of shiny, hopeful green sprouting from the trunks, signs of new life in a scenery of devastation. As streamers along the main roads of San Fernando and Angeles proclaim: "Pampanga will rise again!" And true enough, life does go on.

At the Abacan River, between Angeles and Dau, where three concrete bridges have been felled by mudflow, pedestrian traffic flows unabated across two makeshift wooden bridges. A talipapa, a streetside market, has sprouted near the walkways, with stalls selling everything from fish to backpacks, kitchenwares to movie gossip magazines opened to their fleshy centerfolds to entice buyers.

In Dau, the McDonald's outlet does brisk business. A companion suggests we check out the stalls for possible bargains, but this "disaster tourist" said no; there is a limit even to decadent behavior, after all. •••

## Lord Howe Island:

Cancellation  
used on Lord  
Howe Island  
until the  
1920's.



## Bulletins (Continued)

journal are produced. Write to: Postens Frimaerkecenter, Vesterbrogade 67, DK-1620 København V, Denmark.

Norway's philatelic bulletin has just undergone some improvements. Named "Frimerkeposten" (\*), it is similar to Denmark's, but adds features on philatelic tips and historical information on older issues. A new feature is an exchange page, where collectors can write brief ads to be published in a future issue. With a circulation of 105,000 many will take advantage of this offer. Write to: Postens Frimerketjeneste, Postboks 3770 Gamlebyen, N-0135 Oslo 1, Norway.

The majority of philatelic bureaus publish leaflets on each new issue and either mail them out one at a time or in bulk 3-4 times a year. Here are some of the better ones based on the detailed information provided in each.

Belgium (\*) - Collector's Department, Division 1.1.4.2., 1000 Brussels, Belgium

China (Taiwan) - Directorate General of Posts, Taipei, Taiwan 106, Republic of China

Finland - Philatelic Center, P. O. Box 654, 00101 Helsinki, Finland

French Polynesia - Office des Postes, Center Philatelique, Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia

Iceland - Postfil, P. O. Box 8445, 128 Reykjavik, Iceland

Ireland - The Controller, Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O. Dublin, Ireland

New Zealand - Philatelic Bureau, Private Bag, Wanganni, New Zealand

South Africa (& Homelands) - Philatelic Services, Private Bag X505, Pretoria 0001, Rep. of South Africa

United Arab Emirates - Philatelic Bureau, General Postal Authority, P.O. No. 8888, Dubai, U. A. E.

United Nations/New York - U.N. Postal Administration, P. O. Box 5900, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163-9992 USA

Vatican - Philatelic Office, Main Post Office, Vatican City

Of course, other countries also issue their own bulletins. *Linn's Stamp News* column "World Stamp Almanac" lists current addresses of most philatelic bureaus around the world. If your favorite country is not listed, simply write to "Philatelic Bureau, General Post Office" followed by the capital city and country. It should get through to the right place. •••

## Foreign Collectors Write for Exchange Friends

The following letters from non-members requesting exchanges have been received. Answer or not as you choose.

I am a Soviet philatelist and I wish to have correspond with collectors in USA and worldwide. I can offer USSR's mint stamps for mint thematic: fauna, space aircraft, etc., of USA and worldwide. I can also exchange my stamps for your banknotes of worldwide. I hope to receive help from you.

••• Igor Marunenko, ul. Spiridonova 28-49, Vladivostok 690013, USSR

I would like to ask you, Are you interested in exchange with me? I can offer Czechoslovakia mint complete sets. From you I would like to receive USA mint ones. Let me know your wishes. In case you are not interested in exchange, please pass this letter on to other stamp collectors you might know. Thank you very much. Best regards from Czechoslovakia

••• Frantisek Zouhar, Svermova 11, 682 01 Vyskov, Czechoslovakia

Lord Howe Island is located in the Tasman Sea and was discovered in 1788. It was first settled in 1834 and was administered from New South Wales. It was handed over to the Commonwealth of Australia in 1914. No stamps have been issued, but New South Wales and Australian stamps have been used. A postmaster was appointed in 1878; the receiving office became a post office in 1882 and an obliterator lettered LHI was introduced and used until the 1920's.

## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Many of you are doing a great job of recruiting new members. However, an administrative note is required. If you are recruiting a new member in areas where we have a regional secretary, please give them the regional secretary's address, NOT yours truly. It will save the club considerable expense. Areas where we have regional secretaries are: Australia-New Zealand, Great Britain and Canada.

As my tour of duty winds down I want to do everything I can to help my successor. Here are some ways all of our membership can do that:

1. Don't write to the Secretary-Treasurer for brochures. Write to the Public Relations Officer - Tom Fortunato (# 379).

2. If you do not receive *The Circuit*, contact the Secretary-Treasurer. The Editor/Publisher does NOT keep extra copies of the newsletter. All extras are sent to the Secretary for publicity and new member mailouts.

3. Send all change of addresses to the Secretary-Treasurer. These will be forwarded to the Editor when the bi-monthly column is sent. Corrections pertaining only to your mailing label may be sent directly to the Editor.

4. If you have ideas or suggestions for club improvements, write either to the President or Vice President. The Secretary-Treasurer has enough to do with membership and financial matters - and forwarding items to the proper person costs the club in postage!

We have now received member's interest codes from 62 of you. The latest batch will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The death of Bill Rawlings, (# 243) is reported with regret. Bill died in May 1991.

The following members are dropped for non-payment of dues: # 480 (Ludington) & # 486 (Lugo).

The following address are changed:  
# 170 - Creson Changed to: PO Box 422, Falls City, OR 97344 USA

# 422 - Mines Changed to: 819 Cedar Knoll Drive, N., Lakeland FL 33809 USA \*\* Please note: he no longer wishes to trade.

# 444 - Overmoe Changed to: 3103 E. Boulder Drive, Layton, UT 84040 USA

# 520 - Heimpel Changed to: 478 Victoria Street, London, Ont. N5V 4B3 CANADA

# 324 - Kerstetter Restored to full membership.

New members can be found elsewhere under Roster Additions. I will close by stating that as of September 6th, we have 335 paid up members from 25 different countries. Happy Stamping.

••• Herb Holland (# 31), Secretary-Treasurer

**Treasury Competition:** In September 1839, the British Treasury offered prizes of 200 pounds and 100 pounds for the best suggestion as to the manner in which the projected new postage stamp might best be brought into use. They received over 2,600 entries and awarded four prizes of 100 pounds, although none of the suggestions was apparently put into actual use. •••

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Requests for Youth Program stamps slowed somewhat during the summer months, but should be picking up again soon as schools open up again. I recently received a nice thank you note from a coordinator in New Hope, Kentucky.

It appears that we will be having a bonafide election this time, for some of the offices, at least. I have agreed to run for another term as Vice President and expect a real "horse race" with my opponent, Mr. Dick Hargrove (# 363).

Our newsletter, *The Circuit*, continues to be a quality product. It is really good to see other members coming forward with articles and informative tidbits. Our editor and the contributing members deserve another "Well Done." Happy Collecting! ••• by Ken Costilow (#142), Vice President

## MEMBER'S INTEREST CODES

# 321 Manzevich	B(1990 & older), E, X(35), DD, 1, 6, 50, 60, 70, 83(Swed.)
# 351 Blanchard	A, E, X(45), DD, 50, 80
# 355 Oswood	A, D, X(5), DD, 1a (AK, Seattle World Fair), 3(Bullseye Cancels for 20th Century Cat. Coll.), 6a(Seattle World Fair), 50(WW mint for WW used), 70, 80
# 372 Watkins	A, DD, 7(Japan), 50, 70, 80a, 83(Japan)
# 400 Chrystie	A, F, X(49), DD, 7(New Zealand), 50, 80
# 549 Clough	D, X(10), DD, 50, 70, 80
# 627 Smith	B(to 1920), X(45), DD, 7(US, Gr. Britian, Canada), 80a

## Former Member's Death Reported

Lydia Cohen (# 290) has written to report the death of a past member, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Tomala. He was an ISWSC member for several years during the late 1980's. Chuck had been on disability from a work accident for years, so was an avid stamp collector. Lydia received word from Jenny, his widow, that Chuck passed away on July 18, 1991, from brain cancer. Lydia reports that Chuck had a very nice collection and since his wife doesn't collect, she will likely want to sell the collection. She has been left with considerable medical bills, so Lydia feels that Mrs. Tomala could use some help and/or advice in disposing of the collection for the best price. If any members are interested in purchasing the collection or those living in or near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, could volunteer their assistance, you may contact her at this address: Mrs. Jenny Tomala, 175 Travis Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 25236-2903. Lydia suggests cards and notes of sympathy would be appreciated, too.

(Speaking for ISWSC, we send our condolences to Jenny Tomala on the loss of her husband. — The Editor)

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**WORLDWIDE PERSONALIZED APPROVALS.** Bargain prices. An example you can order now is USA \$5.00 Lamp (#1612), used (worth \$2.25) only \$1.00. ABSP, INC., Box 155, Warminster, PA 18974 ISWSC member # 94) (3/2)

**WORLDWIDE MYSTERY LOTS.** Over the years (Since 1973) I've bought others. There are honestly better. Only \$25.00. ABSP, INC., Box 155, Warminster, PA 18974 (ISWSC member # 94) (3/2)

**WILL TRADE 3 GREAT BRITIAN** or US perfins for ONE Japanese perfin: Robert Urdang (# 293), 414 North Edinburg Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90048 (1/1)

**why not put little  
packets of stamps  
in the kids  
Trick or Treat bags  
this year?**

## Member Offers Special Event Apple Umpkin Cachet Cover



Member Ralph Chapin will take mail orders for the Special Event Cancellation and Cachet Covers for the 1991 Apple Umpkin Festival to be held October 5-6, in Wyoming, NY. The Official Festival cacheted covers are #6 size, goldenrod color cacheted with the above festival logo.

Plain Cachet Cover (No stamp or cancel) - 70¢. Cachet Cover with Stamp & Cancel - \$1.00. Mail orders, please add 50¢ per envelope.

Send order with payment to: Ralph R. Chapin, A-UF, Finance Comm., P. O. Box 190, Warsaw, NY 14569-0190 •••

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FOR A SAMPLE SELECTION  
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**CONTACT:**

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## COST & BENEFITS

By Ken Jenkins (# 15), President

Everyone needs more stamps for their collections. Most of us also have duplicates we would like to get rid of. There is a way that is relatively painless to you and of immense benefit to your club: Participate in the services provided by ISWSC with your membership.

We have a semi-annual mail sale/auction, we have the Omni Exchange, and we have a sales circuit. The Omni Exchange is for traders with the only expense being postage and blank books. The mail sale provides an outlet to those wishing to seek a market price for stamps.

The sales circuit is going to get a little more attention for now. I am sure many of you already receive circuit books from APS, NMPA, TPA, and others. Most or all others charge a 20% commission from the sellers. This percentage goes to the circuit manager, overhead, and the club treasury. ISWSC sales circuit only charges 15% and all profits go to the club treasury. The manager does his job without any recompense except the satisfaction of performing a service to the club.

The income from the sales circuit and mail sales enable us to keep our annual dues at a very low \$5.00 a year compared to \$15.00 to \$20.00 for most organizations such as ours. You may say that most can afford a raise in dues without any pain --- this is not necessarily so. We are an *International* organization and to many collectors in other countries, \$5.00 US is hard to come by. Let's help keep these people as members and try to recruit more.

The whole point I am trying to make is that Willie Dow, the sales circuit manager, tells me that the participation rate for our members is very low. In fact it is almost at the point of non-profitability. Why not drop him a note and ask to receive some of our sales books. They are the large size so they can accomodate covers, souvenir sheets, large blocks, etc.

He says he has a large supply of filled books on hand from all around the world. Sellers are plentiful but where are you buying your stamps? Try our sales circuit. You will benefit a lot of people besides yourself. •••

## RAECH'S RUMINATIONS

By R. H. (# 363)

I am writing this at about 7:00 A.M. in mid-July. The temperature is already in the low eighties. Since summer began, we've had 20+ days where the temperature has reached or been close to ninety. Oh, those lazy, crazy days of summer.

First, thanks to Rita, our Editor, for her input on how to dispose of all the damaged stamps. Thanks, also, to all of you for your additional input. Now that you've given me some ideas, I'll have to get off my duff and get to work on them.

In the May-June 1991 edition of The Circuit, I reviewed (analyzed) a 1-ounce Irish mixture from a different dealer just to make some sort of comparison. This mixture cost me \$3.00 and was described as containing "perhaps 40% 1990 issues

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## Continuing My Stamp Experience From the July-August Issue of the Circuit

The next problem I had was trying to distinguish the different kinds of printing. The words meant nothing to me: typography, lithography, engraved, and photolithography. I always left the decisions to Al. Considering I was new at this, I was prepared for a long drawn out explanation that would probably take days, but to my surprise, Al simplified it and in less than an hour, I was identifying the main types of printing. Some were a little more difficult than others and I still make mistakes, but I'm getting better all the time.

This is how Al explained it to me:

**Engraved:** is about the easiest to identify. The ink lies on top of the paper, by sliding you finger lightly across the stamp, you can feel the ridges in the ink. You can use a 10 power magnifying glass and you can see the ridges in the ink. The ink is so high on some stamps, you probably could scrap it off with your fingernail.

**Typography:** is just the opposite of engraving. The ink is pressed into the paper, similar to a typewriter. With a 10 power magnifying glass you can see the paper rises above the ink. The color seems pressed down.

**Photolithography:** was a little more difficult for me. The simplest way to describe it is, to look for the darkest part of the stamp, you'll find the color is made up of tiny dots instead of being smooth. Using a magnifying glass, it's not hard to see the little dots.

**Lithography:** was the toughest for me. These stamps usually are the poorest quality, they lack detail and instead of little dots like photolithography, they usually have little lines instead.

There are lots of other ways stamps are printed but I think for the novice collector, the above four methods of printing covers the greatest amount of stamps.

Now I get a lot of fun out of recognizing the printing of stamps. I hope some of you newer collectors can use the above information.

••• Mildred Feinberg, wife of Albert Feinberg (# 361)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE on Auction

Due to late receipt of the last issue of The Circuit, many members missed sending in lots for sale and deadline has been extended.

**YOU MAY STILL SEND IN LOTS**  
to:

W.D. Johnson, M.D.  
806 Overlook Drive  
Beckley WV 25801

# ROSTER ADDITIONS

Mbr #	Name & Address	Date Joined	Will Trade	Mint Used or Both	Mbr #	Name & Address	Date Joined	Will Trade	Mint Used or Both
545	Mildred J. Dorries 1428 W. 14th Street Yuma, Arizona 85364 USA	5 Jul 91	Yes	Both	633	Alberto Farcas PO Box 9322 Santiago, CHILE	21 Aug 91	Yes	Both
546	Jeanette L. Beutler 11 Park Lane Circle Persalta, New Mexico 87042 USA	2 Aug 91	Yes	Used					
547	Roger B. Spencer 969 Main Street Apt # 5 Holden, Massachusetts 01520 USA	5 Aug 91	Yes	Mint					
548	Melvin Edmonds PO Box 2066 Universal City, Texas 78148 USA	9 Aug 91	Yes	Both					
549	Larry Clough PO Box 283 Cheshire, Oregon 97419 USA	11 Aug 91	Yes	Used					
626	Helga Shupp Box R 5, 147th Postal Co. APO New York 09102 USA	12 Aug 91	Yes	Both					
627	Palmer F. Smith PO Box 923 Alamoso, Colorado 81101	12 Aug 91	Yes	Both					
628	Marie S. Verdia 4151 Lanier Drive Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70812 USA	13 Aug 91	Yes	Both					
629	Barbara C. Marsh 4130 Lark Street San Diego, California 92103 USA	13 Aug 91	Yes	Used					
630	Jewell Jerman PO Box 460 Claypool, Arizona 85532 USA	13 Aug 91	Yes	Both					
631	Thelma L. Fillides 37157 Gilchrist Avenue Westland, Michigan 48185 USA	14 Aug 91	Yes	Both					
632	Norma Barratt 111 Bario Way Windsor, California 95492 USA	16 Aug 91	Yes	Both					

## Raech's (Continued)

including Christmas. A few large definitives counted - small not counted." This mix broke down as follows: 116 large (including Christmas and large definitives) and 11 small definitives (not counted).

This mixture also contained 5 damaged stamps, not included in the forgoing count. This mixture contained a total of 60 different stamps, including 17 Christmas, 5 Love, 32 commemoratives, and 6 large definitives. Three stamps, 1 Christmas and 2 commemoratives accounted for 27 stamps; 9 copies of each were included. The oldest stamp included in this mixture was a commemorative from 1963. Thirteen different stamps were issued in 1990, a total of 37 or approximately 32% of the total.

I did not evaluate this mixture on the basis of Scott value. As far as I am concerned, this mixture was very satisfactory. I received a broad range of different stamps including many issued in 1990. I also have some good stamps for trading with others. I will not attempt to compare this mixture with the last one I analyzed, as each mix is different. Some are better or worse than others depending upon what you're looking for, so only you can judge a mixture. Try one, you may be surprised.

Now for two personal notes! One of my Round-Robin traders wrote me and indicated that he was travelling east from the Pacific coast. He called upon arrival on Long Island and we were able to get together for a couple of hours. If you're travelling, why not check the membership roster and visit a member if you can. I'm sure you'd be welcome.

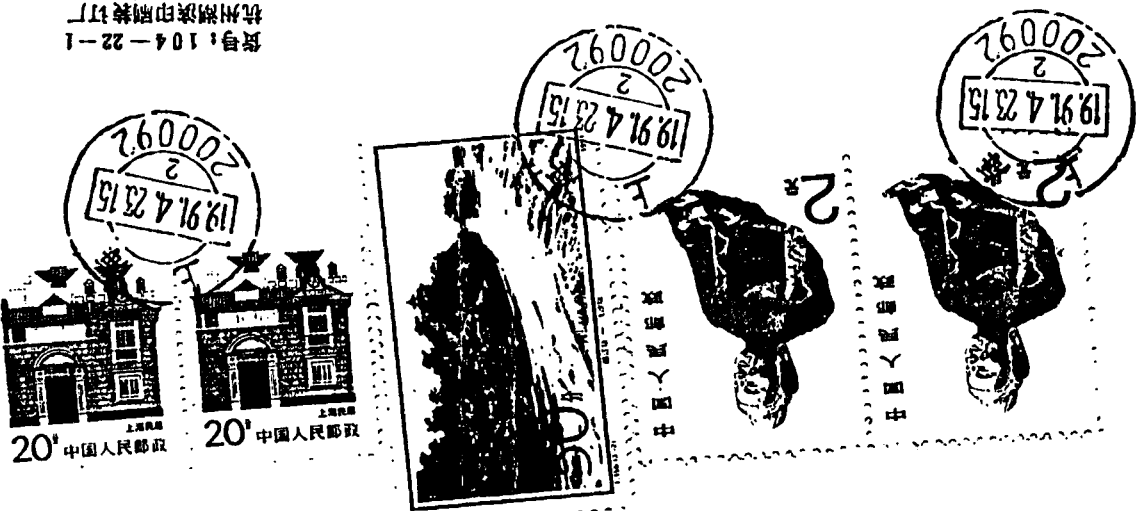
Second personal note - I have had to cut back on some stamping activities including trading. I have a vision impairment which necessitates a cut-back. I will try to continue with this baloney and will be able to unless the situation worsens. In the meantime, it'll be business as usual with the aid of my lighted magnifying glass. Until next time, stuff them albums, you hinge-lickers ... •••

## British Commonwealth Trivia

In certain Chinese ports some of the European powers formerly enjoyed treaty privileges. Stamps of Hong Kong used at British post offices in the treaty ports (distinguishable only by the postmarks) are a popularly collected topic by specialists.

# CTO'S OR NOT by Raech (# 363)

The envelope shown was received in our office mail from the People's Republic of China. Note that the stamps were placed on the back of the envelope. Of particular interest are the cancellations and positioning of the cancels. If the stamps were removed from the envelope by soaking, they would certainly appear to be CTO's. Are they? How would you know? If you received them in a trade and did not collect CTO's, would you accept them? Would you keep them on the piece and put the entire envelope in your collection? Would you start a separate collection for "CTO's on Cover"? I'd like to know your opinion on this. . . .



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## ¿Whatzit? Answers

91-10 : (from April-May issue) F. J. Zamora of Puerto Rico confirms that this is a Spanish Charity stamp issued to raise funds for orphaned children whose parents were employees of the Telegraph and Postal systems. They were issued for many years in different formats and can be found in Spanish Stamp Catalogs as Back-of-the-Book issues. They are common and inexpensive for collectors. "Huerfanos" means orphan.

91-18: Our three correspondents agree that this is Indian State - Poonch, but one thinks it is Type A6 and other thinks it is Type A4 (with thicker characters). Scott number unknown because we do not know the color of the stamp submitted. Please note as did our correspondents that the stamp is laying on its side - needs to be turned 1/4 turn to the right. (Sorry, guys, I put them in the way I receive them in the photocopies... Ed.)

91-19: All agree this is a Hungarian stamp of some sort due to monetary notation of fillers. One writer says it is listed in Michel as Western Hungary #73 - (Perhaps a Charity Stamp?)

91-20: All agree it is a "Return to Sender" stamp or label; Al Feinberg found it in Michel at the end of Bavarian listings. Issued in 1865, the heading is Retourmarken #5 Speyer.

91-21: All agree this is another Indian State - Nowanugger. Perforated variety of 1893, it is either #13 or #14, depending on color of green or orange respectively.

91-22: Two contributors agree that this is one of a set of Russian Semi-Postals - B14 - 16, depending on the color of paper.

*We thank the five members who contributed this time: Ed Hyde (#157), Al & Mildred Feinberg (#361), Tom Fortunato (#379), F. J. Zamora (#536) and the unknown contributor, to whom I apologize for losing his/her name. The sheet of listings (with no name or member #) got separated from the envelope and I can't correctly identify the sender. Please --- Write your member number on your correspondence. It takes only a couple seconds and prevents this sort of happening. Whoever you are, I apologize and thank you for contributing. ...*

**DEADLINE • NEXT ISSUE**

**... December 5th, 1991 ...**

## ISWSC SWAP CIRCUIT

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Swap Circuit - Dalene Thomas  
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Lakewood, CO 80227

## ¿Whatzit?

**91-23**



**91-25**



**91-24**



**91-26**



# 91-26 is described as blue with perf 11. The printed area measures 21-1/2 mm X 28 mm. The inscription reads: ES-PELAL PA- /RA FRACTURAS / Y RECTBOS. The banner reads: UNA GRAN / DE LIBRE. There is a partial postmark that looks like 1954. ...

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**EDITOR'S NOTES:** Cramped for space. You'll note your newsletter is in an envelope this time. We are testing to see if we get better delivery time. If not we may have to go to first class mail. We will be sending out a question card in the next issue to find out how fast service is. Please note that the auction deadlines have been extended — Mail in your lots. Also remember to vote — it's great to have a full slate of candidates and opposition. All are to be commended for running. Also new Public Relations Officer, #379. Should be good, he has lots of ideas. ... Rita Kallal (#26)



## DOUBLE TROUBLES?

by Tom Fortunato (# 379)

Well, you finally soaked and sorted those zillion stamps that have been clogging your stamp corner for the last few years. After donating the bulk of them to your local youth stamp club, you still have several bags of duplicates left over. What are you going to do with all of those doubles?

Let's start out with the extreme. A few months ago CNN carried a story about an Australian collector who had this very problem. He gave "stamp wallpaper" a literal meaning by covering a wall in his stamp room with over 50,000 stamps. He started another wall before discovering that the glue he was using was the wrong type and the stamps started falling off. He had to start again but eventually covered the entire room. You can start off practicing with pencil holders, waste paper baskets or other items that could use decorating. Create your own gift wrapping paper by pasting stamps to newspaper. The sky's the limit.

Check your doubles for bullseye or socked-on-the-nose cancels. These postmarks clearly show the town, date and sometimes the time when the letter was posted. You could begin a town cancel collection obtaining examples from throughout the country of your choice. Mount them in your album with hingeless mounts if you want to easily rearrange them alphabetically when you have new additions. Another option would be to form a collection based on the date (Jan 1 - Dec. 31). If that's not enough of a challenge, find them from the same year or expand to cover several years.

Create a map display by relating bullseye cancelled stamps to their location. Great Britain is perfect for this as such cancels are rather easy to find, especially on common

definitives. Buy a map of Great Britain and hinge or glue the appropriate stamp near its city of use. This makes a very attractive wall display. (It might be a nice gift to make for a collector friend who collects Great Britain or any other country.) Again, use the country of your choice.

Starting a topical or thematic collection is another way of putting your doubles to good use. Look through the pile and pick out those stamps you have an interest in - birds, flowers, sports, or whatever. You can also go the thematic route and create a story with a more eclectic assortment. Put together a one page exhibit to share with your friends, stamp club or a youth group.

Why not make your own stamp Bingo set? If you can find 10 copies each of 75 different stamps, you can make 20-30 different bingo cards. Assign each of the 75 varieties a number from 1 to 75. Make each block on your bingo cards a 2 inch square or larger to fit the largest sized stamp you will use, laying them out on a 5 block by 5 block grid. Make the master a 5 block by 15 block grid numbered in order and glue the assigned stamp to it's proper square. Get the numbers for each bingo card from a regular Bingo set of cards or have a computer generate the random numbers. Glue all the stamps on and you're set. Rather than reading off the number when playing, give a description of the stamp whose number is drawn.

These are just some of the options you have in dealing with stamp doubles. Certainly these are many more possibilities if you put your mind to it! •••



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**LOT**

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- 259-WORLD WIDE 623/705 Eleven retired NMPA circuit bks. Contains some good Australia, Brasil, Belgium, Canal Zone. G, F-VF, VF.....\$105.00
- 263-WORLD WIDE 53 Covers and postcards: Canada, Jamaica, South Africa, Philippines, Panama, India, more. 1940's into 1960's. poor to VF.....\$12.50
- 264-WORLD WIDE 55 First day cachet covers unaddressed: Egypt, Papua new Guinea, Canada, Indonesia, Jersey, Hong Kong, Japan, etc. VF.....\$38.75
- 265-ARGENTINA 551/177 All mint NH full & part. sheets. Reg & Officials\$15.50
- 266-TONGA Black proof of no. 287 on white card stock. (150 mm by 210 mm) by Walshall Security Printers. This is no. 395 of only 500 printed. Pristine Mint Condition.....\$35.00
- 270-CUBA 445/? Accumulation of 25% mint H, balance used in quantities to 5 ea. Cat to \$3.25 starts w/no. 5 to 1627 plus BOB..F-VF.....\$22.50
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- 276-GERMANY 1010/? All used collection on quadrille pages in binder. Years 1872-1971. w/BOB, Berlin, 3 S.S.'s, few old states. Cat to \$9.50 INCLUDES NICE S.S. of Wurtemberg #53 (reprint) most all VF.....\$79.00
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*Above is a sampling of lots that were in my October five page monthly list. Also have mint and used British Colonies. A postcard will bring you both lists. Mention ISWSC CIRCUIT AND RECEIVE FREE PHILATELIC GIFT.*

## ELECTION BALLOT PRESENTED

ISWSC has come a long way since our founder, Aubrey Dunn, wrote a letter to *Linn's* almost a decade ago. In the early years it was a struggle just to keep the books balanced and to try to grow in members and services. Things took a long time to get done and we must have made all the mistakes common to fledgling organizations. But, we are still here and we are growing very rapidly at the moment, thanks in good part to our direct mail solicitation to APS members.

With this ballot, the official vehicle with which we choose our officers for the next two years, we have reached a new level of maturity in that there is competition at every position. Whether you are a charter member who answered that first letter to Aubrey, or one receiving your first issue of *The Circuit*, you are entitled as well as encouraged to cut out, or photo-copy, the ballot in this issue and send it to our new Public Relations Officer right away. You have a **choice**. . . be sure to exercise it.

You'll see my name on the ballot in a new place . . . rather than the name you return the ballot to, I decided to throw my own hat in the ring, as candidate for President. I have for some time been asking for new blood to take a turn at the position of P. R. Officer and we had volunteers to help out, but no one wanted the whole job until now. During my search for candidates for elected office **Tom Fortunato** said he would be willing to serve in the PR capacity and **Ken Jenkins** appointed him at once as it wouldn't be prudent for me to count the ballots while also a candidate.

At a time like this one feels a need to say a few modest words as to why they have been so immodest as to run for elective office. I won't, because the other candidate doesn't have equal space, but I will make two campaign promises. 1) If elected I'll work as long and hard as it takes to move **ISWSC** to the next plateau in Philatelic organizations, and 2) I will do so for only one term. During my search to find other candidates for office I talked to a lot of very capable people, some with rather high membership numbers, who wanted to "work up to" higher office by "putting in their dues" first. With capable members such as, for example, **Joe Foley**, just outgoing President of the **APS**, standing in the wings, so to speak, I'm willing to offer myself for a single term just in order to give you a choice at every position on the ballot. If I should be elected I will get those newer members "paying those dues" in order to ease the transition from a Charter-Member officer corps to an all new one. ••• Dave Nelson, Former Public Relations Officer (# 25)

*(See reverse side for Candidates' Biographies)*

### OFFICIAL BALLOT - ISWSC OFFICERS

President: ☐ Rima Carver #493 ☐ Dave Nelson #25

Vice President: ☐ Ken Costilow #142 ☐ Dick Hargrove #363

Secretary-Treasurer: ☐ Carol Cervenka #498 ☐ LeRoy Curtis #399

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**Ballots must be received  
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## CANDIDATES BACKGROUNDS

**Rima Carver:** of Brampton, Ontario, a member since June 1990. A single country collector since 1970, widening to W/W in '84. Our new Canadian Membership Secretary. Member Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, ATA, International Stamp Pals, secretary of Rainbow Study Group. Life Member of The National Model Railroad Assoc. where she served in executive positions at local, regional and national levels; in 1988-90 served as Superintendent of the Antral Antaru division.

**Dave Nelson:** of Petaluma, California. A Charter Member, having served as the first and so far only ISWSC Public Relations Officer, originally an elected position. Author of ISWSC club brochure, the APS member solicitation letter and other society literature. Longtime member of the APS. W/W collector since 1955. Employed as SVP Sales & Service for an international consulting firm.

**Ken Costilow:** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, a member since Jan. 1985. Ken is our ISWSC incumbent Vice President in which position he is charged with gathering the stamp donations from members and distributing them to schools and groups that sponsor youth collector programs.

**Dick Hargrove:** of Williston Park, N.Y., a member since July, 1989. Dick is best known to us as the author of the column "Raech's Ruminations" in *The Circuit*.

**Carol Cervenka:** of Caddo Mills, Texas. A new member in August, 1990, Carol jumped right in with numerous creative ideas expressed in correspondence with officers and in contributions to *The Circuit*. Served as Executive Director of the Dallas Epilepsy Association and then the (paid) Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association. Since she works at home Carol feels she has the time and, clearly, the experience to do justice to this key post. Banking reference: Bill Jackson, State National Bank of Caddo Mills, TX.

**LeRoy Curtis:** of Wooster, Ohio, a member since Sept. 1989. LeRoy is a semi-retired teacher and Minister of the Methodist Church from 1955. His part time substitute teaching leaves him enough time that he feels he can serve ISWSC well as Sec'y/Treas. Banking reference: Wayne County National Bank, Wooster, OH

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This completes our slate of candidates for the election of officers. Mail your completed ballot to the new public relations officer. Don't forget to vote - Ballots are due by November 7th.